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II. Remarks

In response to the Office Action mailed January 3, 2007 and the Advisory Action mailed March 14, 2007, kindly enter the foregoing amendment and consider the following remarks. Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.112, Applicants request reconsideration of each and every ground of rejection set forth in the Office Action.

The Office Action and the references cited therein have been carefully considered. In this Amendment, claims 1, 9, 16 and 17 have been amended. Thus claims 1-7, 9-14 and 16-20 are pending and are at issue herein. In view of these amendments and the following remarks, favorable reconsideration of this application is requested.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 USC §103

All of the claims stand rejected as obvious over the Nowosiadly reference (U.S. Patent No. 5,561,003) in view of Dover reference (U.S. Patent No. 6,023,888), or the Nowosiadly and Dover references in further view of the Belser reference (U.S. Patent No. 5,618,593).

With regard to claim 1, the claim recites a weatherstrip having first and second flanges sized and positioned to engage the window along the surface having flocking when the window is disposed in the window opening, and a third flange engaging the second flange when the second flange engages the window. The prior art of record fails to disclose several limitations of claim 1. For example, the second flange 226 in Figures 8 and 9 of the Nowosiadly reference is not sized and positioned to engage the window along a surface having flocking. Furthermore, the

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third flange does not engage a second flange when the second flange engages the window. For all these reasons, as well as all the reasons in prior responses, Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration of independent claim 1, as well as its dependent claims.

With regard to claim 9, a weatherstrip is recited having a second flange extending from a second leg and defining an interior space. The second flange flexes to engage a third flange and close off the interior space. Referring again to Figures 8 and 9 of the Nowosiadly reference, nowhere is it taught or suggested that the second flange 226 defines an interior space that is closed off when the second flange flexes to engage the third flange, nor does it even disclose the second flange flexing at all, let alone to engage the third flange. For these and all the reasons given in prior responses, the Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration of independent claim 9, as well as its dependent claims.

With regard to claim 16, the claim recites a weatherstrip having a second flange flexing to engage the third flange. Again with regard to the Nowosiadly reference, the third flange 206 does not extend from the region towards the second flange, but rather it extends away from said second flange. Further, the second flange does not flex to engage the third flange. For these reasons and all the reasons in prior responses, the Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration of independent claim 16, as well as its dependent claims.

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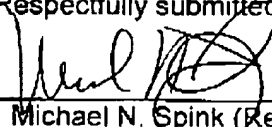
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CONCLUSION

In view of the preceding amendments and remarks, the Applicants respectfully submit that the specification is in order and that all of the claims are now in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that personal contact would be advantageous to the disposition of this case, the Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner contact the Attorney of the Applicants at the earliest convenience of the Examiner.

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